

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Work for the Unemployed

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—I want to compliment Mayor Moore for the clean and improved city he has given us since he has taken the work out of the hands of the contractors, who spent most of the money appropriated to their own personal use, evidently, in any work they did for the city.
 Let the Mayor go still further. There are many out of work at the present time who need assistance badly. Have the Mayor ask Council for an appropriation to still further clean up the city streets, the city squares and parks. Plant trees in them, where needed, and take care of the lawns. Let us make this a city beautiful just as much as possible before Mayor Moore goes out of office, for goodness only knows what is going to be in store for us in the future.
 Every ward and every division of the city should be carefully gone over and a memorandum made of the work that is necessary and then get the work apportioned out with some one to look after it, and put all men who are willing to work on the job, and let's see just what a beautiful place we can make.
 MRS. CLARENCE T. CRANE.
 Philadelphia, February 20, 1922.

December and May

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Why should so many people criticize Miss Mathilde McCormick (May) for bestowing her hand on Max Oser (December)? Love has found its way into this world, and it is not the Swiss riding matter, and it is merely a personal matter, and she should not be held up to ridicule. She is a sensible girl, and she is under-stand, and because she prefers to be the proverbial "old man's darling," whose business should it be but her own? Too many of the so-called prominent men are compelled to marry into their "own set" and that is why there are so many divorces.
 I am engaged to marry a man old enough to be my father. I prefer this to being "a young man's slave." I love books, the home, the beautiful life. He is refined, cultured and a gentleman. I have had many opportunities to meet other men, but with my temperament I would be happy with the average brainless fop, whose only thought is pleasure, and who may only be expressing his affection for me when he covers the money that will come to him through marriage? Be gentle with Miss McCormick, for she has my admiration in the step she is about to take.
 E. E. L.
 Philadelphia, February 20, 1922.

Hard Work, No Privileges

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—I got up in the morning at 6:30 and worked until 8 o'clock in the evening. I am supposed to be a cook, but this is what I have to do: Cook four meals a day, clean five rooms, wait on the table, clean silver, sweep two porches and the walks, besides take all kinds of stunts. The nurse has three children to bathe and dress every day, take care of eight rooms upstairs and take the children for a walk. The house is a fifteen-roomed house and all the work has to be done by two girls.
 Once in a while the mistress does a little something, then she goes to bed and rest for two or three days. The mistress stays in bed until 10 o'clock three and four mornings a week.
 She is continually harping on the ignorant people. In reality she and her kind are the ignorant ones. This does not apply to all mistresses, as I have no doubt there are some nice ones, but very few. They think they are so far above the common people (they call us). When we have our girl friends call to see us in the evening she insults them. We are not even allowed to make them a cup of tea. Our own washing and ironing has to be done in our own time or go dirty.
 A. D. H. M.
 Philadelphia, February 18, 1922.

"Adorable Skeezix"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—May we add our thanks to the many you have already doubtless received complimentary to your Mr. King, cartoonist, for the adorable Skeezix and the admirable strip of this evening, in which the adorable child is learning to walk, was the occasion of much rejoicing and many huggings in this household. Mr. King's drawings coincide with those of Charman's doghouse in crime to such an extent that it is sometimes difficult to believe you aren't drawing her and her ways. We aren't as a rule given to expressing ourselves pompously to daddies of comic strips, or any one else, but we receive such real, unadulterated pleasure from Skeezix that at dinner this evening my husband thought it only fair to Mr. King and his nice sense of humor to tell him so. Charman is fifteen months old, and her rompers have more room in them than rompers have never could make rompers; and hers also have sashes, but then I don't suppose that is good form for a little boy.
 Do have Mr. King draw a mealtime in the high chair, please—a nice, messy one, with hand washings in the soup and spinach in the ears, where all good and spinich finally comes to rest. Again thanking Mr. King for the human baby of the end of fifteen months and is not at the end of fifteen months or so still six months old.
 MINERVA LITT KAPLAN.
 Trenton, N. J., February 17, 1922.

Says Bonus is Patriotism

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—I am an ex-service man with twenty-three months' service record, which seventeen months were spent in France; fourteen months were spent in the hospital No. 94 at Pruniers, from November 10, 1918, to December 27, 1918. I was in a large tent with influenza eating my life and strength away.
 Returning to America, I found I was out of work, and after receiving my \$300 I had almost enough money to buy a civilian outfit.
 However, I found work and have since entered business, and have no favors to ask—don't care whether the bonus passes or not, as far as I am concerned.
 But it is enough to disgust any real American to hear the arguments advanced by some of our country who bob up saviors of our country who tell us what the danger is over and tell us what we should receive and why we are un-American in expecting a bonus. Where were they during the war?
 If you would require each contributor on this subject to begin his letter with his war record, as I have done, you would have less of the time progressors who actually grow as time progresses and is not at the end of fifteen months or so still six months old.
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Are we patriotic enough to provide a bonus for our soldiers? That is the question and I doubt the spirit of those who oppose it. As to the need of help for soldiers, I quote from an item in four Sunday papers, under the heading "The American Legion" and concluding: "Legion Post, No. 376: 'The ladies in the auxiliary have been aiding the families of ex-service men who are in need. An urgent request has been sent in for old clothing for the children of ex-service men of 1922.'"
 Sounds real American, doesn't it? And proves that "it's not what you use to be, it's what you are today"; and that "our wonderful boys" of 1917-1918 have become "those troublesome ex-service men of 1922."
 T. H. E. MALONEY.
 Vineland, N. J., February 20, 1922.

Officer Opposes Bonus Bill

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—I feel that at this time when "the Soldier Bonus Bill" is hanging in the balance, all those officers and men who served during the World War should express themselves in no uncertain terms regarding it. By this means we can our Congressmen be shown the real opinion of opinion which has been throughout the thinking element of ex-service men. I am willing to wager that nine-tenths of those in favor of the bill have never been shown the disastrous consequences to commerce which the useless expenditure of this gigantic sum of money would surely bring about. Just at this time, after two years' struggle, when affairs seem to be slowly adjusting themselves, to drop a bomb of such proportions into the midst of an already overtaxed and harassed nation would be suicidal.
 Those to whom only the thought of pecuniary advantage occurs have not realized that these few hundred dollars would be handed to them in recompense for their patriotism through the Government. These few dollars, authorized by a Congress against the better judgment, simply to insure the re-election of its members, threatened by the host of votes controlled by the American Legion. Those who are in favor of such wholesale bribery understandingly and with their eyes wide open are not fit to call themselves "veterans of the World War." These few (and I say few advisedly) sit by complacently for selfish reasons only, with their hands out, and watch the "Bonus Bill" forced down the throat of a nation helpless to resist. The far-reaching consequences of such unfair legislation, than are we youngsters. No stone should be left unturned in the endeavor to defeat this bill, not only for the better interests of the country, but also for the individual who blindly believes that he will profit by its adoption.
 WALTER W. GORHAM, JR.,
 1000 Locust St., Philadelphia, February 15, 1922.

Questions Answered

What Fish Are Sardines?
 To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Please tell me through your People's Forum what kind of fish are used for the package known as "sardines," or is there a fish of that name?
 Q. W. S.
 Philadelphia, February 18, 1922.
 In America any small fish of the herring family canned in oil are known as sardines. In England only the pilchard canned in oil is recognized as a sardine.
 H. L. KENNARD.
 Camden, N. J., February 19, 1922.
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Falls of Niagara Dry

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 Sir—I understand there was a time many years ago when ice was so packed in the Niagara River that no water went over the Falls. In what year was this?
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Origin of "Honeymoon"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Please tell me through your People's Forum the origin of the word "honeymoon."
 GRACE T. KLANE.
 Philadelphia, February 19, 1922.
 The honeymoon was originally supposed to be the first month after marriage. Among the northern nations of Europe there was an ancient practice for newly married couples to drink mead, or mead, a kind of wine made from honey, for thirty days after marriage. Hence the term honeymoon or honeymoon.

Poems and Songs Desired

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Can any one tell me the author of a short poem entitled "The Requiem of the Sea," beginning:
 "I fear not to sleep
 Thy shroud is woven of heaven's tears:
 The high stars are the blessed candles
 Burning at thy head."
 MARY T. MORRIS.
 Philadelphia, February 15, 1922.

Who Wrote It?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Please tell me through your People's Forum who wrote the following:
 "For mercy, courage, kindness, mirth,
 There is no measure upon earth.
 Nay, they wither, root and stem,
 If an end is set to them."
 "Overhim and overflow
 Your own heart you would know,
 For the spirit born to bless,
 Lives but to its own cross."
 JANE T. LYONS.
 Philadelphia, February 15, 1922.

"The Lone Dog"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—I am desirous of securing a poem containing the following verse and would appreciate it if you would print it in your People's Forum. If you do not have it, please ask if any of your readers can supply it.
 "I'm a lone dog, a tough dog, a wild dog,
 I'm a rough dog, a tough dog, a hunting dog,
 I love to sit and bay the moon,
 To keep fat souls from sleep."
 J. H. L.
 Philadelphia, February 17, 1922.

"Waiting"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—Below is the poem requested by "R. O." in yesterday's EVENING PUBLIC LEADER.
 M. A. H.
 Philadelphia, February 15, 1922.
 WAITING
 By John Burroughs
 Severe I fold my hands and wait,
 Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
 I have no more "against time or fate,
 For I am my own shell and my fate."
 I stay my hand, I make delay,
 For what avail this outer pace?
 I stand amid the eternal wars,
 And what is mine shall know my fate.

Answers

Answers
 Aries, awake, by night or day,
 Two friends I seek are seeking me;
 No wind can drive my bark astray
 Nor change the tide of destiny.

Answers

Answers
 What matter if I stand alone?
 I wait with joy the coming years;
 My heart shall reap where it has sown
 And gather up its fruit of tears.

Answers

Answers
 The stars come nightly to the sky;
 The tidal wave comes to the sea;
 Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high
 Can keep my own away from me.

Answers

Answers
 The waters know their own and draw
 The brook that springs in yonder heights,
 So flows the good with equal law
 Unto the soul of pure delight.
 Also sent in by Harriet R. Taft, Philadelphia.

MASCULINE COLLEGE LADS

Syracuse Boys, Alarmed at Girl Fads, Drop Scented Water, Etc.
 Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 22.—(By A. P.)—Alarmed at the increasing tendency toward masculinity on the part of the girl students at Syracuse University, and fearing that it will make the men appear to be too feminine, men students today announced the organization of the Beta Chapter of the Anti-Efficiency Club.
 The club is a protest against the smoking of cigarettes by women, wearing the fopping siloshes and otherwise presuming into the realms heretofore restricted to men. Members pledge themselves to give up the following:
 Use of powder after shaving, use of scented toilet water, waip-waisted ties, decollete collars and baby ribbon ties, wearing of buttonhole bouquets.

His Flow of Talk Worth the Money

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 which he handled dexterously, were the assets which landed the money, the police say.
 The author, unlike many of his craft, worked direct. An ever alert imagination, coupled with an adept knowledge of geography, were contributory accomplishments.

Worked on Main Line

Stagg's biggest results in this section were along the Main Line. While working in this neighborhood, the police say, he represented himself at various times as Sir George Wilson and George Barnes.
 Some of his wealthy acquaintances knew him as a representative of the London Graphic; to others he said he represented the London Spectator, while at other times he is said to have used the name of any publication that suited his fancy.

He prepared romantic stories of the rise of kings of finance and industry whom he met and explained that the articles would soon be read all over England and the Continent.
 Frequently Stagg motored into town with the men he had promised to dramatize in his stories. Often it happened that just as he was leaving the car he was annoyed by a trifling financial shortage. Sometimes it was a mere shortage of two. Would "Mr. Banker Mainline," cash a check for him to tide him over? Of course he would, without hesitancy.

Then a short time later the check would come back bearing the words "no funds," the police say.
 That was a distinct shock. The jolt was increased when some of the learned that the magazine and newspaper articles never got into print.
 Mr. Vaucian, at his home in Rosemont today, said he recalled the picturesque misrepresentation of the London Graphic. He smiled at the recollection.

"He called to see me before I went to Europe," said Mr. Vaucian, "and offered to write a glowing account about me in the Graphic and some other publication. He was very voluble and entertaining, but I was not impressed by his proposition and did not give him an interview along the line he sought."
 "Did he ask you to cash a check?" Mr. Vaucian was asked.
 "No, I don't believe he did. If he had, I'm pretty sure I would not have obliged."

Stagg's capture was brought about through the strategy of a wealthy manufacturer living along the Main Line who saw the author strolling along the Parkway near City Hall.
 The manufacturer had good reason to remember Stagg, as he is said to have cashed a check for him and later received word that it was worthless.
 The manufacturer induced Stagg to enter his automobile. Then he entered into general conversation with Stagg. The car moved rapidly and in a short time the author found himself in the suburbs.
 The author did notice that the car

stopped before a small official-looking building, but he was not alarmed. Finally the manufacturer summoned Captain Donaghy and addressing Stagg, said, "Allow me to introduce Captain Donaghy, chief of the Lower Merion police. The author could not find words to reply.
 The police say Stagg recently jumped board bills at two central hotels and wanted in several cities on bad-check charges.
 Stagg says he is married and lives on Forty-sixth street near Fifth avenue, New York.

Father Disavows Compensation Claim

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 Regan was at his desk in a partitioned space in the Mackey suite when Mr. Reckitt entered the office. With him were Arthur Rosier and Irwin B. Tolins, of the Rosier Advertising Agency.

Mildred Reckitt was a stenographer employed by the Rosier agency and was shot and killed several weeks ago by Mrs. Catharine Rosier, who also killed her husband Oscar. The petition filed by Regan asked for compensation under the terms of the compensation act, and was regarded as an unusual proceeding.
 "Do you remember me?" demanded Mr. Reckitt, who was visited by the young lawyer Monday evening.

"Yes, I remember you," Regan replied.
 "By what right did you file a petition for compensation?" Reckitt demanded.
 Without waiting for a reply he continued:

"Promises to Withdraw Petition
 'You know you are a liar; you admit that.' He stepped forward belligerently.
 'Yes, I'll admit it if you want it that way,' Regan conceded.

"Why did you represent yourself as representing the Workmen's Compensation Board?" Mr. Reckitt asked.
 Regan replied he did not say he represented the board, but the other contradicted him. Copies of the petition then were demanded from Regan, and he handed them to the slain girl's father. The lawyer said he would withdraw the petition which has been forwarded to Harrisburg.

"This was the most outrageous thing I ever heard of," remarked Reckitt as he prepared to leave the inclosed space occupied by Regan. The lawyer did not reply and Reckitt and his companions left.
 Before Mr. Reckitt called on him, Regan had been questioned about his "transformation." He explained he had studied law under Mr. Mackey, had desk room in the Mackey suite and specialized in compensation cases. He said he was not associated with Mr. Mackey in the practice of law.

Regan's name appears on the door of the suite beneath that of Mr. Mackey and the inscription "Workmen's Compensation Board."

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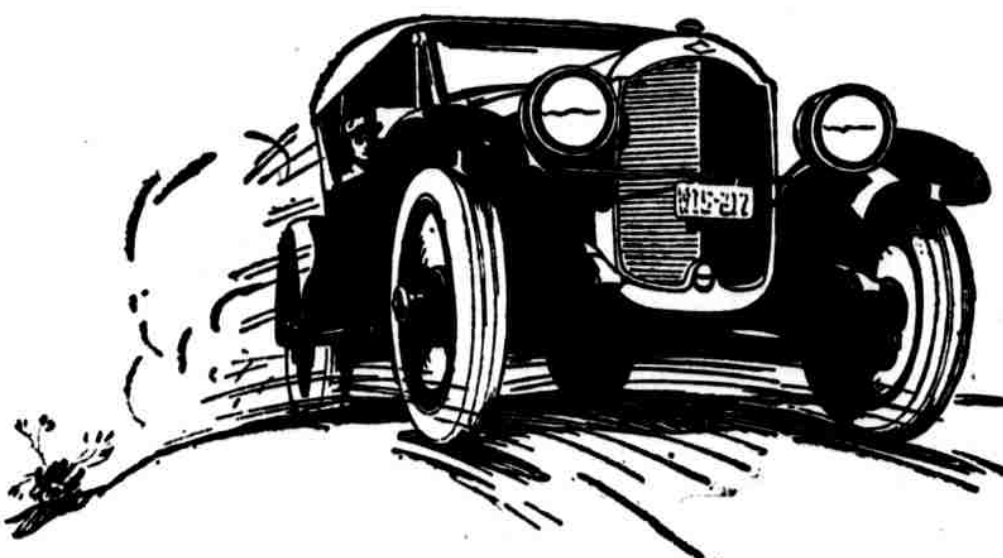
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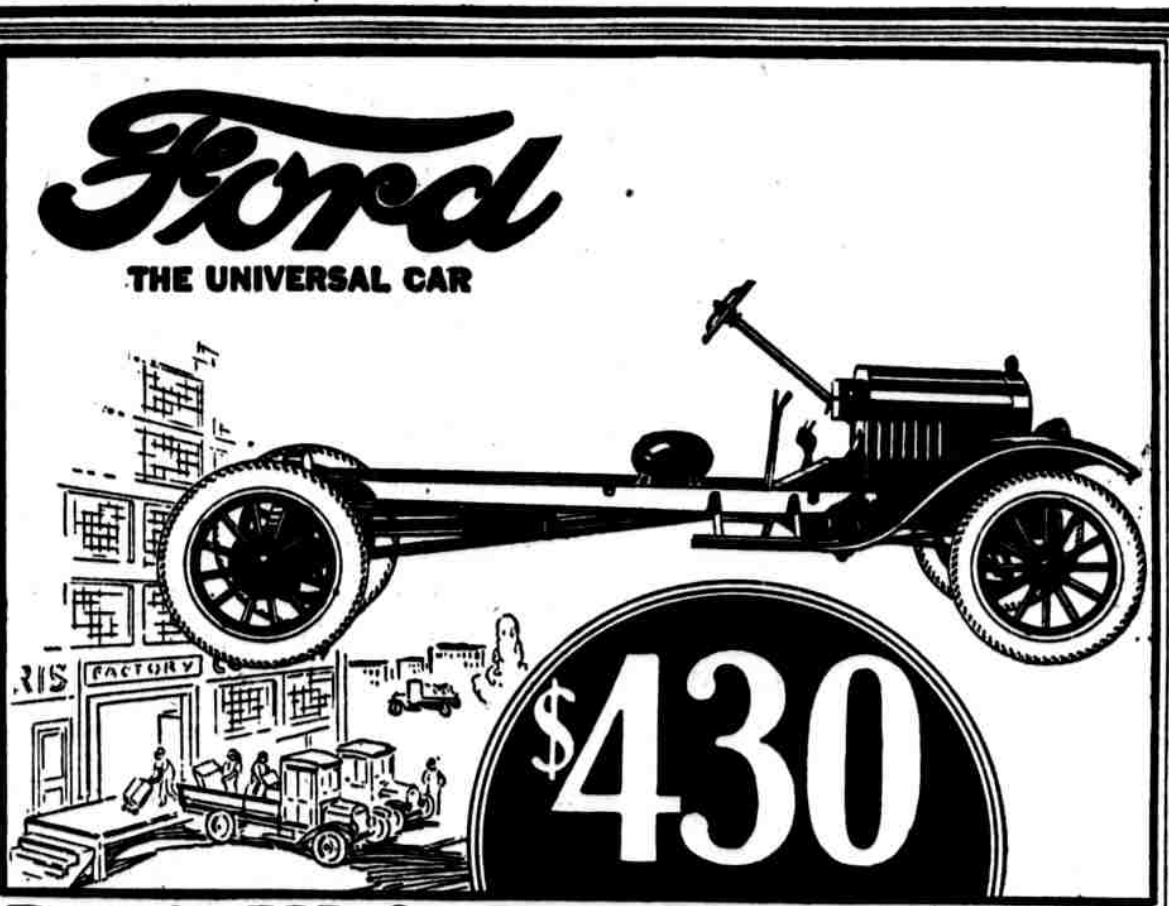
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